

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 70894 | Agenda Number | 14. |
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| Meeting Date: | 5/18/2017 | Department: | Management Services |
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 2-5 relating to procedures for City Council meetings, public hearings, appeals, and committees, and City Code Chapter 15-9 relating to utility rate hearings.
Related to Item # 15

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
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| Prior Council Action: | April 18, 2017 - Council Work Session, council directed staff to return with meeting management agenda items. |
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| For More Information: | Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, 512-974-2991 |
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| Related Items: | |
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Additional Backup Information

The proposed ordinance is the result of staff recommendations regarding Council meeting efficiency and deliberation, and Council direction to remove the provisions regarding Council meeting procedures from City Code. New Council procedures for meetings, public hearings, and appeals will be adopted by Council by resolution.

The proposed ordinance repeals Article 2 (*Procedures for City Council Meetings*) and Division 1 (*Public Hearings*) of Article 3 (*Procedures for Public Hearings and Appeals*) of City Code Chapter 2-5 (*Council Action, Meeting Procedures, Public Hearings, and Appeals*). It amends the titles of Chapter 2-5 and Article 3 accordingly. It also repeals City Code Section 2-5-65 (*Conduct of Public Hearings on Appeal*).

In addition, the proposed ordinance moves a provision relating to public hearings before Council committees from repealed Division 1 of Article 3 of City Code Chapter 2-5 to a new section that is added to Article 5 (*Council Committees*) of the same chapter. This is a non-substantive amendment.

The proposed ordinance also moves a provision relating to public hearings on utility rate changes from repealed Division 1 of Article 3 of City Code Chapter 2-5 to an existing section in City Code Chapter 15-9 (*Utility Service Regulations*). This is a non-substantive amendment.